Jefferson County Fair Park Committee June 7, 2012

The Jefferson County Fair Park Committee met on Thursday, June 7, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. in the Activity Center Conference Room. Present were: (Fair) Ron Buchanan, Greg Torres, Matt Foelker, Paul Babcock and Blane Poulson; Fair Park Supervisor Roger Kylmanen, Secretary Gail Zastrow, Marketing Assistant Heather Meunier, County Administrator Gary Petre, County Board Chair John Molinaro and David Diestler.

Let the record show that all are present, meeting duly noted and the door open.

**Public Comment:** No public comment.

**Agenda:** Leave as presented

**Minutes:** It was moved by Greg Torres to approve the minutes of May 3, seconded by Blane Poulson. Motion carried, Paul Babcock abstained.

**Communications:** Newsletter for Farm Bureau with an article that 50 members from Tennessee Farm Bureau will be doing farm tours and attending the Jefferson County Fair on July 13<sup>th</sup>. John Molinaro received a request from The Jefferson County Farm Bureau to help them find a water heater. It was suggested they contact a plumbing contractor for a donation or purchase one.

Gary Petre handed out a packet introducing Dave Diestler.

## **Administrator's Report:**

- a) Staff is working and keeping up. We meet weekly. No major issues ó slow ticket sales for Kansas. Roger is in need of a different tractor.
- b) Recruitment ó 17 applications total ó brought in 5 for first interview and top 2 for second interview.

**Introduction of & Discussion with the Fair Park Director Candidate(s):** Gary Petre introduced David Diestler to the committee. Reviewed the draft letter to be submitted the County Board for their June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. After confirmation by the County Board, David will begin on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Fair Office Report:** Entries are all completed, reminder letters sent to vendors, Fairest of the Fair program moving forward, camping full

## 2012 Fair:

- a) Sponsorship: Updates given with overview of pending sponsors
- b) Reserved Seats: Friday is doing very well, Saturday is slow, with the Radio ad push starting soon
- c) Entertainment: 1 slot open for Friday, but budget tight

**Fair Park Supervisor Report:** John Deere tractor is beyond repair and we have 3 quotes for replacement. Summer time hires started May 14<sup>th</sup>, working on track, bleachers, etc. Horse Shows are going well. We have a 4 day Quarter Horse Show next week and we have been using the Highway Department trailer for the horse show office, having air conditioning and heat will be a plus. The charge is \$50 per day.

**Next Meeting:** The next Fair Park Committee meeting will be on Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. in the Activity Center Conference Room. Items for the agenda will include 2012 Fair, Committee member times to be spent at Fair.

Being no further business, a motion was made Greg Torres, seconded by Matt Foelker to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 a.m.